

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

LARGE VEGETABLE CROP.

Railroad Officials Preparing for Spring Shipments.

Charleston, Special.—The officials of the Southern Railroad are already planning to move the spring vegetable crop, which is expected to be large this season, as the weather so far has been favorable to the young plants. The movement of vegetables is quite a factor in the spring business of the railroads and arrangements will be made far in advance to the end that there may be no delay when the cars are needed by the growers. Shipments by the Southern Railway are brought to the cars from the adjoining islands in boats and reloaded on cars at the company's wharves here, but on the "Need" the vegetables are loaded directly on cars at the various stations and rushed North with all possible dispatch.

With fertilizer and vegetable business spring the railroads will have to do and arrangements for handling all shipments promptly are being made.

Carolina Traction Co.

Rock Hill, Special.—The Carolina Traction company has been chartered by the secretary of state. The company has a capital of \$150,000. It is proposed to build an electric railway from Rock Hill to Charlotte, N. C. The road will pass through York and Chester counties in South Carolina and Mecklenburg county in North Carolina.

Liquor Claims All Settled.

Columbia, Special.—The claims of the New York and Kentucky whiskey firm for approximately \$22,000 against the dispensary commission has been settled by the payment of \$18,000. The sum of \$4,000 was deducted by the commission for "overcharges" or "graft."

To Hang For His Crime.

Lexington, Special.—"Cool" Lever the negro who attempted a criminal assault upon the young wife of a prominent Dutch Fork farmer on November 1, last, and who escaped being lynched through the efforts of Deputy Sheriff Miller, will pay the death penalty on February 25.

Bonds May be Issued.

Columbia, Special.—By a unanimous vote the ways and means committee decided to recommend the passage of the bill by Representative Cosgrove calling for the issue of \$2,500,000 in bonds for good roads work in this State.

Campaign on Tuberculosis.

Columbia, Special.—A shipment of exhibits for the campaign against tuberculosis arrived in this city last Friday and Saturday, the work of interesting the people began by a series of lectures.

Now a Brigadier General.

Columbia, Special.—Henry T. Thompson, colonel of the Second South Carolina regiment, after a service in the National Guard of the State for nearly 25 years, has been retired by the adjutant general, with the rank of brigadier general.

Shot From Ambush.

Hartsville, Special.—Jack Jones, a negro, was shot and instantly killed from ambush on the plantation of G. Walker Power, nine miles from Hartsville in the negro section of Darlington county.

Rapist Sentenced to Be Hanged.

Kingstree, Special.—Johnny Rose was tried and convicted of assault with intent to ravish at a special term of Court held here. He was sentenced to be hanged February 4.

Injunction Permanent.

Columbia, Special.—The fifteen Charleston "blind tigers" against whom temporary injunctions were issued recently, had these injunctions made permanent against them in the Supreme Court last week.

Safe Blown by Burglars.

Seneca, Special.—The safe at Wall-halla post office was blown and \$250 in stamps secured.

Briefly Told.

A three-story brick hotel is being erected at Cheraw.

The residence of D. J. Garrison at Camden was destroyed by fire.

An unknown negro man was killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train near Charleston.

Dr. B. H. Padgett, a well known citizen of Walterboro, is dead at his home.

John A. Marshall, a prosperous farmer of Lancaster, entertained 200 guests at his home last week.

For biting his wife through her lip Paul White, a Columbia negro, was fined \$20 in the police court.

Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the United States public health department, will deliver an address in Columbia February 10 on hookworm diseases.

Ernest Booser Reeves, aged 15 of Orangeburg, is dead at his home as the result of gunshot wounds received a few months ago.

Edward Carroll, colored, has been elected to the State College of Agriculture.

A Florence county representative went under a falling tree and was killed.

LAW-MAKERS OF PALMETTO STATE

Below is given a brief summary of the doings of the law-makers of the South Carolina General Assembly day by day:

TUESDAY—Jan. 11th.

The Senate.—The Senate is very much divided on the question of prohibition for the State. Four classes on the liquor question. 1. State-wide prohibitionists. 2. Local optionists. 3. Standpatters. 4. Those with open views. It is thought that the action taken last year on the compromise bill may have effect on the coming vote.

The season did not last long, the principal matter considered was the Governor's message, which was referred to the various committees, as is the custom.

It was agreed to visit Winthrop College on the 19th, this being Gen. Lee's birthday.

Among the bills were: The State-wide prohibition measure on the calendar was indefinitely postponed; Clifton's widow's pension measure went to third reading.

The House.—Gov. Ansel's message was read and referred to the various committees; organization completed; agreed to visit Winthrop College on Gen. Lee's birthday, the 19th. The first bill of the session passed was for the creation of Dillon county.

WEDNESDAY—Jan. 12th.

The Senate.—A poll of the members showed a complete block on further legislation on prohibition. Members consider the compromise as binding and satisfactory to prohibitionists, though there is no telling as yet as to what will turn up along the line of further legislation. It is not thought prohibitionists will fight for a State-wide proposition.

The House.—Members voted to use Glenn Springs water for drinking purposes, instead of Columbia's supply. Vote 71 to 26. An invitation was accepted to visit Clemson College on the 22nd. Cosgrove introduced a resolution on drainage of considerable importance to South Carolina, especially in the lower part of the State. The resolution endorses the efforts of Senator Smith in securing statistics as regards the lands needing drainage work. Every member has gone to work in earnest to get in bills early, the engrossing department received 71.

THURSDAY—Jan. 13th.

The Senate.—Laney's bill to regulate the running of automobiles was killed; Sinkler, of Charleston introduced a bill to do away with trading stamps; Sullivan introduced a bill to keep young men out of pool rooms, making it a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days. This refers to the keepers of pool rooms; the tax proposition was brought up by Senator Clifton, but is to be considered later.

The House.—Disposed of a number of second reading bills; M. L. Smith's bill to provide for the examination and registration of trained nurses and with the proposed committee amendments it went to third reading without discussion. Cosgrove's bill to regulate bond and investment companies, introduced by request and drawn to protect stockholders and investors, passed with no discussion, as did Browning's bill to require certain corporations to file certain certificates. Wade's bill amending the law relating to the railroad commission also passed. This bill places in the hands of the commission the control of all interurban railways operated by electricity over 10 miles in length as well as those operated by steam. Riley's bill requiring the owner of live stock under a lien to and providing a penalty should the report not be made. Cosgrove's bill to provide for the organization of mutual protective associations also passed. The house also passed and sent to the senate a resolution from D. L. Smith providing that at a joint session on Jan. 25 all officers to be elected by the general assembly be decided on. There are a number of vacancies on the circuit bench and with the penitentiary directors and college trustees it is probable that the elections will take two days. In addition to the names already published the term of Judge Wilson expires in December, 1910, and this vacancy will have to be filled.

FRIDAY—Jan. 14th.

The Senate.—Sinkler's bill, providing for a Commission of Law Examiners passed to third reading. The bill requires that all applicants for practice of law shall be made by petition to the supreme court, also to create a State board of law examiners to consist of three members of the bar of at least ten years' standing, who shall hold office for three years. Supreme court to appoint the members; Andubon Society's bill for the protection of game, received favorable report.

The House.—Agreed to take up the calendar in systematic order; Richard's bill to authorize the commission on the monument to the women of the Confederacy and erect the statue on the approaches to the capitol on South Main street should the commission decide the way was favorably reported; Whaley announced committee to confer with a similar committee of the Senate regarding the erection of a Supreme Court building. This committee will report back at the present session; resolution to appoint two more pages was killed; resolution to Cothran that

the builders of the battleship "South Carolina" to send the vessel to South Carolina waters before the general assembly adjourn, in order that the body might be present to present the silver service, by the State, was passed; Cothran's kindergarten bill was killed; McKeithan's resolution as to municipal indebtedness, including Darlington, was passed to third reading; Dick's bill for bidding nepotism in the employment of professors, in State colleges, went to third reading; Smith's bill to raise salaries of circuit judges from \$3,000 to \$4,000, failed to pass. Vote, 55 to 49. House adjourned until Monday.

SATURDAY—Jan. 15th.

The Senate.—Business was transacted with no quorum, but point was not raised. Sinkler's bill regulating the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors, to provide for a board of examiners, passed third reading and was ordered sent to the house; Croft's bill to amend section 389 of the civil code of procedure of the State of South Carolina, volume 2, passed third reading and was ordered sent to the house; Christensen's bill to amend the act establishing an industrial school for boys passed the senate. The effect of the amendment is to keep the boys convicted of any crime in the school until they are 21. Another feature of the amended bill is to place the expense of sending the boys to the reformatory on the counties from which they come; Carlisle's bill providing against working in the cotton mills of any child under 18 years of age between the hours of 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. passed second reading; Otts' bill to declare the unlawful sale, barter, storage and keeping in possession of alcoholic liquors a common nuisance, was brought up but was passed over; Carlisle moved reconsideration of the "South Carolina" battleship resolution. It was hoped that the new warship could be finished and the silver service presented in South Carolina waters Feb. 10th, during the session of the general assembly but it will not be ready; Senator Earle's bill "relating to State printing there was considerable discussion but no action was taken; the bill to renew the charter of Porter Military academy in Charleston, passed to third reading; Carlisle has introduced a bill that changes the law very much on the question of distress of rent. The measure of Carlisle provides: "That from and after the approval of this act the right of distress for rent shall be abolished except for premises leased for agricultural purposes." There is also a repealing section of the act.

The House.—There was no session of the House.

NUBS OF NEWS.

Trading on the Paris Bourse is disappointing.

An organization to help Governor Hughes in his campaign for a short ballot has been formed.

The village of Scopolio, near Parma, Italy, is being slowly carried to destruction by a landslide two miles wide.

Ambassador Reid denied that he had interfered in any way in the British Parliamentary election campaign.

It is too late to question Albert's eligibility to the Belgian throne, according to Minister of State Beernaert.

It is expected that a test case upon the new corporation tax will reach the Supreme Court before June 30, when the tax becomes effective.

Chinese, British and American residents of Harbin made demonstrations in approval of Secretary Knox's propositions to the Powers in regard to Manchuria.

The Department of Agriculture has begun an investigation of the salmon canning industry, upon complaints that fish of many varieties are being sold as salmon.

Eoto von Koenitz, the fake German baron and adventurer with a prison record, and his bride, who was Miss Louisa Ewen, an elderly spinster of New York, are staying at a hotel in St. Augustine, Fla., where they are known as mother and son.

Lawyer Bernard Rabbino announced that he will introduce a bill in the New York State Legislature for the establishment of a police court to be known as the "Court of Domestic Relations," which will have for an especial object the dealing with cases of wife desertion.

The Poe cult, or craze, seems, according to the Philadelphia Ledger, to have reached an ultimate climax in Mr. Morgan's purchase of a copy of the pamphlet edition of two of Poe's tales for the absurd price of \$3800. It is not to the point to recall that this is probably more than Poe received at any time for all of his tales, a larger sum than was ever within his reach. Though first editions of Poe are just now a fad among collectors, the present price is really not dependent upon the title or contents of the pamphlet; it is dependent wholly on its rarity. If it had been a more substantial book more copies would have been preserved and could be easily picked up in the shops. The preservation of this shabby pamphlet of 1842, published at a "levy," or its timely discovery, was an accident. If anybody should find another it would not bring such a price. Being supposedly unique, it is worth whatever anybody will give for it, and Mr. Morgan does not count the cost when he covets a rarity, whether it be any American first edition or an Italian "primitive."

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If man were not vain the power of woman would cease.—Smart Set

WEEK IN CONGRESS

Insurgents Expected to Keep up Hostilities.

UNREST EXTENDS TO SENATE.

Fate of Several Administration Bills One of the Liveliest Topics With National Law-Makers.

Washington, Special.—No matter how satisfactory an arrangement is made for the selection of the joint committee to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, the insurgent fight promises to occupy a prominent place in the congressional situation during the week.

Dissensions between the insurgents and regulars in the House have occupied the center of the stage for a fortnight. The bickerings have even spread to the Senate wing of the Capitol and legislation there has been at standstill.

That there will be a lull in hostilities in the House as soon as the Ballinger-Pinchot committee is appointed is concealed, but those who are anxious that legislation may proceed without delay or not over sanguine of their efforts to keep the insurgent row in check. They look for renewed outbreaks whenever any question affecting the Cannon rulers is introduced into the proceedings.

Second interest to the discussion of the battle between the Republican organization and the insurgents in the House is the gossip in both branches of Congress as to what will be the fate of the several administration bills to put into force what are known as Taft policies as differentiated from Roosevelt policies. These embrace the program for the amendment of the interstate commerce laws, the Sherman anti-trust law, and carrying into effect measures for the conservation of natural resources.

Little opposition has been heard to the administration measures for the strengthening of the interstate commerce act. On all sides it seems to be conceded that some such measure as is proposed by Mr. Taft will be enacted.

Several hearings of more than ordinary interest are scheduled to take place, or at least begin, during the week. There will be the consideration of the interstate commerce bills at both ends of the Capitol, the Mann canal bill before the Senate committee on intercommerce canals, and the meat inspection question before the House committee on agriculture. Another interesting situation will be raised in the House committee on expenditures in the Interior Department by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, who will endeavor to substantiate the charges made by him in the House of extravagance in the conduct of land offices.

GARLINGTON GUILTY.

Former Officer of Seminole Securities Company Sentenced to Hard Labor.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Judge Prince Saturday sentenced John Y. Garlington and James Stebo Young, secretary and treasurer for the defunct Seminole Securities Co., who were tried in five counts for conspiracy and fraud in connection with their manipulation of \$55,000 of the assets of the company with fraudulent intent; the former to three years and the latter to one year on the chain-gang or State penitentiary. Bail has been granted pending appeal, at \$5,000 each.

Shoe and Leather Men Meet.

Boston, Special.—Saturday more than 200 men representing the Shoe Wholesalers' Association, met here to consider whether the trade is really confronted with a radical advance in leather and shoe prices. President J. K. Orr, of Atlanta, Ga., presided.

Smallpox Closes Theatres.

High Point, N. C.—A Special says the health authorities of this city have ordered that all places of worship and theatres, motion picture shows be closed from the 15th to the 24th, to prevent the spread of smallpox. Twelve cases reported, but the situation is well in hand. No crowds will be allowed to congregate at the depot or on street corners. Day schools will not be closed.

The Hookworm Conference.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—With three members of the Rockefeller commission for the study of the hookworm disease in attendance, more than two hundred prominent physicians, life insurance officials and representatives of civic and commercial organizations gathered in Atlanta Tuesday for the opening session of the first national conference called for the study of the hookworm. The conference was in session two days and a permanent organization, to be known as "The Southern Health Conference" was perfected.

Notable Meeting This Week.

Washington, Special.—Representatives of every phase of the complex citizenship of the United States assembled in conference Tuesday and Wednesday, under auspices of the National Civic Federation, at the Bal-laseo theater for the purpose of devising ways and means to bring about uniform laws relating to marriage and divorce, child labor and pure food and drugs.

FARMERS GET VAST SUM.

Corn, Wheat And Cotton Exported at High Prices.

Washington, Special.—A picture which reflects the prosperity of the country, especially that of the farmer, is drawn in the statement of domestic exports for 1909 prepared by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Corn at 70 cents a bushel, wheat at \$1.04 a bushel and about 12 cents for every pound of cotton exported is the record for 1909. More than \$24,000,000 worth of corn and \$48,000,000 of wheat went from American ports to feed the world last year. More than \$400,000,000 worth of cotton went to foreign looms, and as these figures show only the exportations from the principal ports of trade, the detail statements will be larger.

Labor to Go Into Politics.

Washington, Special.—Labor is preparing to take an active part in the coming congressional election. All organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are to be urged to prepare themselves for the coming fight, and a resolution recommending such action was adopted by the executive council of the federation in session here. The feeling of the members of the council was that labor should make itself felt in shaping the legislation of the country.

Found Strangled to Death.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—Sarah O. Breymer, aged 26 years, a pretty and cultured governess at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Barnes Compton, at Millbrook, Dutchess county, was found in her bed strangled to death. Frank Sehermerhorn, aged 26, employed as coachman on the Compton place, was brought here charged with the murder. He made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide, cutting his throat with a razor.

Pass White Slave Bill.

Washington, Special.—By a viva voce vote the house passed the Bennett-Sabath "White Slave Bill."

The "White Slave" bill is the result of an investigation of traffic in alien women, made by the national immigration commission. Provision is made for deportation and exclusion of immoral aliens and for exclusion and punishment of their procurers who traffic in immoral women becomes subject to restrictions of interstate commerce laws.

Sugar Men Sentenced.

New York, Special.—Edward A. Boyle, John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, and Patrick J. Hennessey, checkers on the Williamsport docks of the Havenmeyers and Elder Refinery, who were convicted with Oliver Spitzer, of conspiracy to defraud the government, have been sentenced in the United States Circuit Court, to serve a year each in the penitentiary.

Want \$95,200,000 For Army.

Washington, Special.—Carrying an appropriation of \$95,200,000 for the maintenance of the army for the fiscal year of 1911, the army appropriation bill passed the house by a vote of 186 to 100; present and not voting, 9.

Weyler's Book Nearly Ready.

Madrid, By Cable.—General Weyler's long awaited book, entitled "My Rule in Cuba," in which the captain-general of Catalonia, it is expected, has made important revelations, is almost ready for the press. The work consists of four volumes.

Graves to Be Forester.

Washington, Special.—President Taft has appointed Henry S. Graves, director of the Yale Forest School, as Forester of the United States to succeed Gifford Pinchot. He appointed Albert F. Potter, at present acting Forester, as associate forester.

Leader of Ku Klux Dead.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Judge John Calvin Reed, of Atlanta, Ga., noted as a lawyer, author and scholar, died here, aged 73. He was active leader in the Ku Klux Klan.

Creditors Will Get Part.

Brussels, By Cable.—The Princess Louise's share of King Leopold's fortune is \$1,200,000, of which creditors will get \$800,000.

Calhoun Statue March 12.

Washington, Special.—The House agreed to a resolution offered by Representative Finley of South Carolina, fixing March 12 as the date of the ceremonies for the formal acceptance by Congress of the statue of John C. Calhoun.

Say Early is "Probable Leper."

New York, Special.—John R. Early upon whose case medical men have been divided is in a reality leper, according to a decision rendered by a special committee of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence.

Boston Y. M. C. A. Building Burns.

Boston, Special.—The Boston Young Men's Christian Association building at the corner of Boylston and Berkeley streets in the Back Bay district, has been destroyed by fire of unknown origin, entailing a loss of more than \$200,000.

An advance in westbound trans-Atlantic rates to the United States has been agreed upon.

NEWS BRIEVITIES

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At Ocala, Fla., fire completely destroyed the Crystal Cold Storage and Canning company's plant. Loss \$100,000.

There was no Virginia pilot aboard the battleship Georgia when grounded near Norfolk, and it said an investigation will follow.

The widow of former President Barrios, of Guatemala, once possessed of millions, applied for admission to a New Orleans almshouse.

At Nashville, Tenn., P. B. Jones, president and general manager of the Southwestern Co., published shot and killed his 5-year-old son, Jerry, and then committed suicide.

The Cotton States baseball league is to be revived and in the event of the next few days a meeting will be held for the purpose of perfecting an organization.

J. C. Barnett, a Louisiana farmer has been made agricultural expert to the King of Siam.

Standard Oil interests are said to have closed a deal for the enormous natural gas output of West Virginia the sum involved being \$200,000,000.

A fire at Bramwell, W. Va., burned 25 buildings and caused a loss of \$100,000.

Jefferson Taylor, of Aakhill, shot his bride of three days, missing her for a burglar.

Karl Hau, the George Washington University professor, who murdered his mother-in-law in Germany and got a life sentence, made a title attempt to escape from prison.

Three men were killed and others injured, one seriously, when the automobile, in which they were riding, collided with a street car in Atlanta, Ga. The automobile was wrecked and the street car badly damaged.

Rev. Dr. Samuel Smith, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Columbus, S. C., dropped dead of apoplexy. Atlanta, Ga., is to be the headquarters of an ice and coal corporation that has just been chartered under the Virginia laws. The corporation has acquired absolute control of the plants of six ice companies, and will shortly erect two more plants in cities near Atlanta. The cities interested are Atlanta, Chattanooga, Macon, Rock Augusta, Athens and Columbus.

Secretary Ballinger of the Interior Department, Washington, has been promoted from office Superintendent John D. Benedict of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma and the Supervisors as the result of an investigation which has disclosed disgraceful conditions affecting material and moral welfare of the schools.

French papers are questioning motives of the United States in proposal of Secretary Knox for neutralization of the Manchurian railway.

A landslide two miles long and half a mile wide carrying an Italian village of 1,000 inhabitants down destruction.

Diplomats, officials and hundreds of others attended Cardinal Gibbons' annual reception in Washington.

Speaker Cannon is promised a more decisive defeat by the Insurgents if he attempts with Senate to overturn the resolution of the House to elect its members of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy on their party.

Secret Service men are at work in New York trying to get on trail of persons who "strip" and silver coins.

The percentage of idleness is reported to be decreasing in New York State.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company announces that the wage scale of 1907 will be restored.

At San Francisco, the trial of Patrick Calhoun, charged with bribery, has been defended until Jan. 31.

Maj. Gen. Newton Martin Curtis, who commanded the van of the assaulting column which captured Fort Fisher on January 15, 1865, and lost an eye in the battle, dropped dead in New York.

Five hundred justices of the peace and constables throughout the state of New Jersey are about to make a concerted move for higher wages.

Three young Harvard explorers have just left New York on a two-year expedition to the interior of South America, where they will collect ethnological data and specimens for the Harvard museum.

Two officers of the Russian Army have purchased two dirigible balloons to go to the South Pole.

John and Daniel Utsler, brothers 83 and 80 years, respectively, disassembled to death in a fire which destroyed their little one-room well-cabin located in Indiana on home New Florence, Pa.

Tammany retains control of New York Board of Aldermen of the Mayor Gaynor is not afraid, S. C. courage.

Cases of cancer are being cured at Manila with virus prepared from the patients.